INSTITUTIONAL PROFILE SURVEY

A reformatted ASAHP Institutional Profile Survey was launched on February 6, 2019. The findings will be reported in aggregate form to ensure that individual data are protected.

The timeframe for developing responses is for the period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. An attractive component is that the survey can be worked on incrementally. Data can be entered, saved, and more amounts can be added at later times. An extension from the original closing date makes it possible to remain open through April 1, 2019.

Software technical assistance can be obtained by contacting Isai Orozco at support@altegratech.com. Inquiries regarding survey questions can be referred to Kristen Truong at kristen@asahp.org or by telephone at ASAHP’s national office at 202-237-6481.

2019 ASAHP ELECTION

The Association’s election will be held for the following positions in 2019:

- Secretary (two-year term)
- Board of Directors (three-year term)
- Nominations & Elections Committee (two-year term)

A Candidate form, CV, and a headshot must be sent by email to jacoby@asahp.org no later than April 1, 2019. The form and other information can be obtained at http://www.asahp.org/elections.

NEWS FROM THE COLLEGES

Cecil B. Drain, Dean of the College of Health Professions at Virginia Commonwealth University, who served in that position for 22 years, has announced his retirement. His final day coincides with a ribbon cutting ceremony that will occur on March 18, 2019 for an impressive new building that was constructed for his college. He devoted a considerable amount of time in working assiduously during the past 10 years to ensure that the structure is an important addition to the Medical College of Virginia Campus.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Each year, the Association sponsors the Scholarship of Excellence Program for allied health students enrolled in its member institutions. The purpose is to recognize outstanding individuals who excel in their academic programs and have significant potential to assume future leadership roles in the allied health professions. Each student chosen for an award will receive a $1,000 scholarship.

In 2018, ASAHP gave scholarships to 12 students. Five of these awards were provided by the firm of CertifiedBackground.com, a company that offers criminal background check and immunization status check services to member institutions.

The year 2013 marked the inauguration of the Elwood Scholar Award. Created by the Board of Directors and named for ASAHP’s former Executive Director Thomas W. Elwood who retired from that position in 2012, at the conclusion of the selection of the Scholarship of Excellence Award recipients, an additional review process will commence to identify the most outstanding applicant.

That individual will receive an additional $1,000 scholarship and a complimentary registration to the 2019 ASAHP Annual Conference in Charleston, SC where he or she will be recognized formally as the award recipient. All travel and rooming costs will be paid by ASAHP.

Only one candidate from each member institution can be nominated. All degree levels are eligible. An application form and additional information about criteria can be obtained at https://asahp.squarespace.com/scholarship/.

A key point to observe is that each application must include a letter endorsed by the dean or director who serves as the official ASAHP Institutional Representative that supports the nomination and describes qualities of the candidate. A letter from a chairperson or faculty member also may be included. The deadline for submitting an application and necessary information is June 7, 2019.
LABOR MARKET TRENDS

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York launched a user-friendly web interactive in 2016 to shed light on trends in the labor market for recent college graduates, including new data on labor demand, wages, unemployment, underemployment. It was updated in February 2019. Users can compare the unemployment rate of recent college graduates, defined as individuals ages 22 to 27-year old with at least a bachelor’s degree, with other workers. Users also can monitor the underemployment rate for recent college graduates, i.e., the share working in jobs that typically do not require a college degree. The interactive includes data on differences in labor market outcomes, including wages, among 73 college majors. Outcomes vary considerably by college major. Examples are:

Unemployment Rate: Health Services (3.1%), Medical Technicians (1.0%), Nursing (2.0%), Nutrition Sciences (5.8%), and Pharmacy (3.7%).

Underemployment Rate: Health Services (45.7%), Medical Technicians (50.9%), Nursing (11.4%), Nutrition Sciences (47.9%), and Pharmacy (28.7%).

Median Wage Early Career and Median Wage Mid-Career: Health Services ($36K and $55K), Medical Technicians ($42.6K and $64K), Nursing ($50K and $70K), Nutrition Sciences ($35K and $54K), and Pharmacy ($40K and $115K).

Graduates with a Bachelor’s Degree or Higher: Health Services (52.5%), Medical Technicians (24.3%), Nursing (26.4%), Nutrition Sciences (46.4%), and Pharmacy (58.8%).

The interactive can be obtained at https://www.newyorkfed.org/research/college-labor-market/college-labor-market_compare-majors.html.

STUDENT UNDERREPRESENTATION

A new Education Trust report examines the extent to which public colleges and universities enroll and graduate black students, finding a “severe underrepresentation” compared with the broader population of black residents in each state. https://edtrust.org/resource/broken-mirrors-black-representation/

A State Equity Report Card assesses states’ commitment to equitable college opportunity and success for Black and Latino Americans. The tool contains state-level data on who has a college degree, who enrolls in college, and who graduates. It can be obtained at https://www.stateequity.org/.

ASAHP STUDENT ASSEMBLY

An ASAHP Student Assembly was formed in 2016. A core group of seven students began work on developing an organizational structure and bylaws, with Association Past President Richard Oliver serving as a resource for them. A newsletter was created in Summer 2017.

ASAHP continues to assist student leaders at member institutions in their efforts to form chapters and develop pre-boarding and on-boarding training. A major aim is to focus on how students can leave academic programs and go directly to work without extensive orientation at the workplace.

Newly selected Officers and Board Members are:

President: Kaci Crook (Pacific University) Occupational Therapy

Vice President: Justin Montgomery (MGH Institute of Health Professions) Physical Therapy

Secretary: Chelsi Brown (Georgia State University) Dietetics

Treasurer: Victoria Brown (University of North Florida) Nutrition and Dietetics

Frankie Gleason (Nazareth College) Speech-Language Pathology

Baylei Sehon (Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center) Speech-Language Pathology

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Agency for Healthcare Quality and Research (AHRQ) has multiple openings for Junior Summer Fellows, who will work with leading health services researchers while exploring “real life” issues that contribute to health care improvements. Applications are due by March 26, 2019. Additional information can be obtained at https://www.ahrq.gov/cpi/about/careers/2019-summer-fellowship.html.

COLLEGE COMPLETION RESULTS

A new National Student Clearinghouse Research Center report includes, for the first time, state-level college completion results by race and ethnicity for four-year public institutions and provides a state-by-state look at the six-year outcomes for students who began postsecondary education in fall 2012.